

**Amendments To The Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A toolholder unit for sheet metal bending brakes, comprising a bar (1), having a core (2), to be associated with a fixed or movable part of the brake[[, and]] which is provided with at least one recess (9) forming with a jaw (12) associated therewith a groove (11) to receive the shank (7) of the tool (5), there being provided elastic means (20) to maintain for maintaining said jaw spaced from said recess and from the shank contained therein, and locking means to clamp for clamping said jaw against said shank, characterized in that wherein said locking means comprise at least one slider (17) axially slidable within a seat facing that side of the bar (1) facing the jaw[[;]], at least one appendix a ball (175) projecting from said slider beyond that side of the bar facing the jaw; at least one cavity (21) provided in the bar (1) jaw (12), or in a part (2) rigid with it, to receive said appendix ball (175) [[;]], and means (18) of variable profile to cause for causing said slider (17) to undergo controlled translations relative to said bar (1).

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A unit as claimed in claim 3 claim 126, characterized in that ~~said component presents a slide track against which the profiled proximal end of said slider is constantly urged elastically~~ the pushrod is constantly urged elastically against the bean-shaped cavity.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A unit as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein means (223) for causing the jaw to undergo maximum opening thereof are installed on the jaw ~~to cause~~ for causing the jaw to undergo ~~[[its]]~~ maximum opening.

7. (Currently Amended) A unit as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means (223) for causing the jaw to undergo maximum opening thereof comprise a rod slidably mounted in a longitudinal seat in the jaw, said seat opening to the outside via a first slotted aperture from which there emerges a peg facing the bar, and via a second slotted aperture from which there projects an operating head at the disposal of the user, said peg being arranged to slide between a rest position, established by an elastic thrust means acting on the rod, where it faces a flat region of the bar, and a

working position chosen by the user, in which the said peg is positioned in front of a matching sunken region of the bar.

8. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said core (2) is provided with a longitudinally extending transverse slot in which is slidably received the slider.

9. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said slider comprises two identical profiled pieces (170) of T-shape joined together by a screw (171) to form an H-shaped flat component.

10. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 9, wherein each arm of said H-shaped slider is respectively received in matching grooves which extend along the sides of the core.

11. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein each said arm of said H-shaped slider is provided with a through hole (174) into which is received said ball.

12. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means (18) for causing said slider (17) to undergo controlled translations relative to said bar (1) includes a component (180) pivoted on the bar, said component being provided with a bean-shaped cavity, and a pushrod (178), received in a dead hole of the core of the bar, said pushrod having an end engaging with a portion of said slider, and the

opposite end engaging with the bean-shaped cavity of said component.

13. (New) A unit as claimed in claim 12, wherein said component comprises an operating handgrip which is hinged to said component on an axis perpendicular to that of the bar such that said component and said handgrip are able to assume a first rectilinear position in which the axis of the handgrip is perpendicular to that of the bar, and a second folded position in which the axis of the handgrip is parallel to that of the bar.